

## INTERVIEW SUMMARY

A telephone interview between Examiner Termanini and Attorney Ferrazano representing the Applicant on February 27, 2009. Agreement was reached concerning claims amendments based upon a discussion of the cited references.

## REMARKS

Claims 1-21, 24- 31 and 44, 46 - 48, are now pending in this application. Reconsideration of the application is earnestly requested.

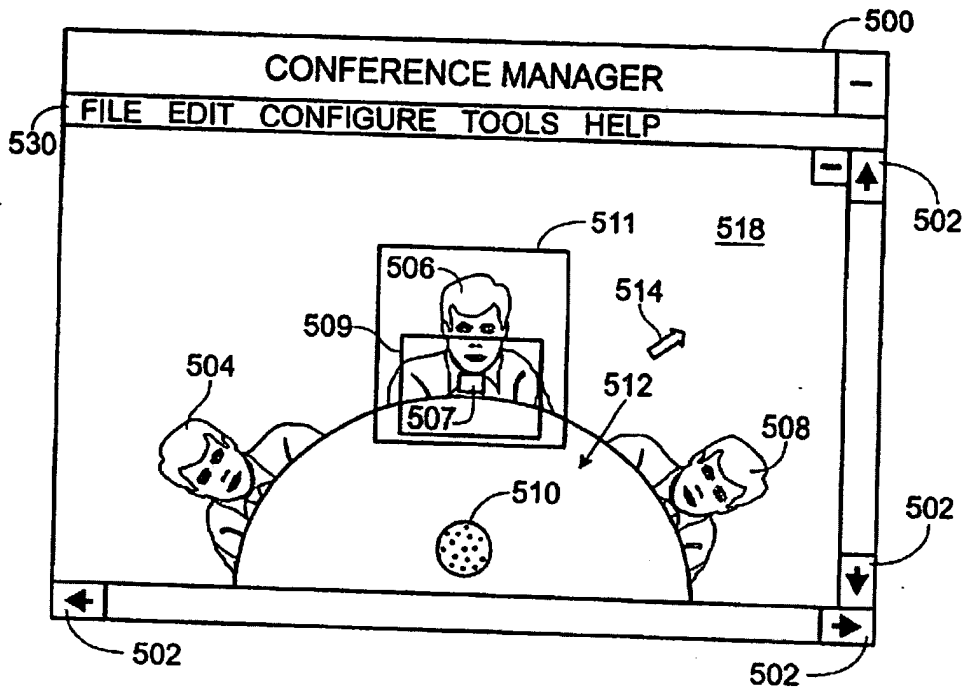
The Office action has finally rejected claims 1-14, 16-21, 32, 34-37, 42-44, 47-49 and 53-55 under §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Chim et al.* (*Chim*) in view of *Alexander et al.* (*Alexander*). A number of claims have been amended to clarify the invention. In particular, claim 1 recites in part:

a media content pickup device that includes at least a camera and a microphone operatively connected to said processor, said media content pickup device arranged to capture media content input that includes video content by the camera and audio content by the microphone, said media content pickup device arranged to automatically focus on a user-***specified region of video interest*** of the media content input without moving the camera in the media content pickup device and said media content pickup device arranged to automatically ***focus on a user specified region of audio interest of the media content input independent of the user specified region of video interest;***

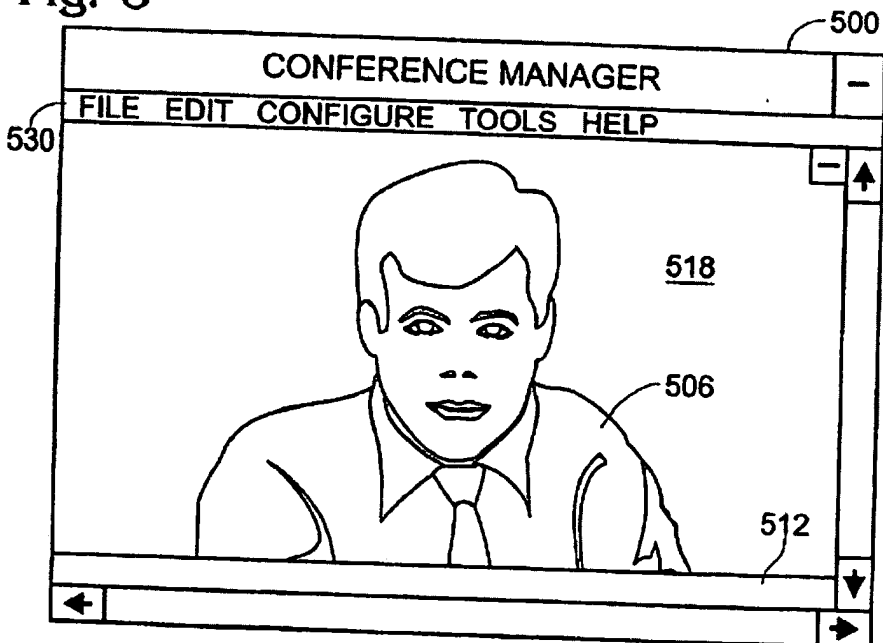
In this way, the invention as recited in claim 1 provides for a user to be able to focus both the camera and the microphone on their respective regions of interest independent of each other (support for the amended claims can be found at paragraph [0046]). In contrast, Alexander et al teaches at paragraph [0026], “audio input device 114 and 134 (e.g., a microphone) perform their conventional functions of capturing and rendering audio...”. At no point does Alexander teach or suggest that the microphone can focus audio pickup to a region of interest other than that region specified by the user for the video. *In other words, both the video and the audio must be focused together on the same region and cannot be independent of each other.* In this way, the microphone always follows the camera by focusing on the subject at the center of the view. At no point does Alexander teach that the microphone can be focused independent of the camera (as would be the case if someone in a video conference brought attention to themselves by speaking

up without any visual affectation such as raising a hand). Furthermore, Alexander requires that the area of interest always be at the center of the field of view (see Figs. 5 and 6 below) and therefore the microphone taught by Alexander merely captures audio from the object at the center of the field of view and no other location.

**Fig. 5**



**Fig. 6**



## **CONCLUSION**

All independent claims have been amended to recite essentially the same limitations as claim 1 and are also believed to be allowable for at least the reasons stated above. It is believed that all independent claims are therefore also believed to be allowable as are all dependent claims.

Reconsideration of this application and issuance of a Notice of Allowance at an early date are respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would in any way expedite prosecution, please do not hesitate to telephone the undersigned at (408) 255-8001.

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